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1. On 25 April 1950, Damitz, Secretary in the Brandenburg Ministry of Finance, speaking on behalf of von Koerber, Minister of Finance, informed the civil servants of that governmental department that the long-planned revision of the state and county boundaries in the German Democratic Republic would probably become effective on 1 July 1950. *

2. According to Damitz, the plans provide for extending the northern boundaries of the state of Brandenburg to Stralsund on the coast, ceding Lower Lausatia, encompassing the area southeast of Luckau, to Saxony and incorporating the County of Osterburg, until now part of the Province of Saxony-Anhalt, into Brandenburg. The plans further provide for reducing the number of counties existing in the various provinces. For example, the present 21 rural and 9 municipal counties in Brandenburg would be reduced to eight rural and two municipal counties, the latter two being Potsdam and Brandenburg.

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